Assignments of public sector steel companies in foreign countries

†861. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the sectors in which public sector steel companies have got work in foreign countries along with the names of such counties;

(b) the number of people employed in these works; and

(c) the potential in these sectors in coming years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) MECON Ltd., a public sector company under the Ministry of Steel, is providing services in the following sectors in the countries mentioned against each:

Name of Sector	Name of the country
Metal	Bolivia, UAE, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Qatar
Mining (Iron Ore and Rock Phosphate)	Syria

(b) The number of persons employed vary from project to project. However, around 15-20 persons are employed for overseas assignments every year.

(c) The potential in the metal sector appears good in the coming years.

Merger of 'Nahan Foundry' with SAIL

862. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intends to resume 'Nahan Foundry' at Himachal Pradesh by merging it with Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) as announced by Hon'ble Minister in his speech delivered in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the concrete plan Government has prepared to fulfill the purpose; and

(c) if not, by when all the formalities are likely to be completed to restart 'Nahan Foundry' under SAIL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) to (c) A team of officials from the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has visited Nahan in Himachal Pradesh in connection with the setting up of a Steel Processing Unit. During the visit, they also visited Nahan Foundry. SAIL has not yet taken any final decision in the matter.

Import for steel industry

†863. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether some materials are being imported for Government steel industry; and

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(b) if so, the names of such materials and countries from where these are imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) and (b) The details of the materials imported by various Public Sector Undertakings under the Ministry of Steel enclosed as Statement.

Statement

Details of the materials imported by various PSUs under the Ministry of Steel

1) **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL):**

i) SAIL imports metallurgical coal such as coking coal and PCI coal. SAIL is presently importing these coals from Australia, New Zealand and USA.

ii) List of other materials imported by SAIL alongwith country of origin is as follows:

Name of material	Name of Country
Ferro Niobium	Brazil
Low Carbon Ferro Chrome	South Korea
Nickel	Russia, Canada and Australia
Ferro Molybednum	South Korea
Forged Rolls	Russia, Spain and USA
Low Silica Limestone	Oman and UAE
Sea Water Magnesia	Ireland
Sulphur	Bahrain
Carbon Blocks	China

2) **Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL):**

List of materials imported by RINL alongwith country of origin is as follows:

Name of material	Name of Country
Low Ash Metallurgical Coking Coal	Australia, USA, New Zealand
Low Silica Limestone	Dubai
Boiler Coal	Indonesia
Coke Russia and China	
Sea Water Magnetite	Ireland, Mexico
Graphite Flakes	China
Ferro-Silicon	China

RINL is importing spares and equipment from Germany, Russia, USA, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Czech Republic, France, England, China and Singapore.

3) **Ferro Scrap Nigam Limited (FSNL):**

FSNL has been importing spares namely (i) Silent Chains, (ii) Hydraulic Spares for Dumpers, (iii) Lifting Magnets and (iv) Crane Spares for maintaining the Heavy Earth Moving Equipments from United Kingdom, USA and Germany.

4) **Bharat Refractories Limited (BRL):**

List of materials imported by BRL alongwith country of origin is as follows:

Name of material	Name of Country
Fused Magnesite	China
Dead Burnt Magnesite	China
Sea Water Magnesite	Japan
Silicon Carbide	China
Thernax Powder	Canada
Brown Fused Alumina	China
Round Kiln Calcined Bauxite	China

Expansion programme of SAIL and RINL

864. SHRI N.K. SINGH:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expansion programme of SAIL and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) are going on as per schedule;

(b) if so, the total expenditure to be involved in expansion of SAIL and RINL;

(c) whether Government has drawn up latest plans to ensure completion of expansion programme of SAIL and RINL without any cost escalation and in time; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI A. SAI PRATHAP): (a) to (d) The Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is undertaking an ambitious expansion and modernization programme for enhancing its annual production capacity from the present level of around 14 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 26.2 million tonnes per annum (MTPA), of which 23.46 million tonnes per annum is to be attained in the first phase. The Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) is also in the midst of a capacity expansion and modernization programme for enhancing its annual liquid steel production capacity from the present level of 3.0 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 6.3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The expenditure involved in the first phase of modernization and expansion programme of SAIL is estimated to be in the region of Rs.70,000 crores, while in the case of RINL it is estimated at Rs. 12,220 crores.